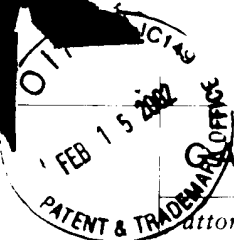


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Patent Application Entitled: ION-ION PLASMA PROCESSING WITH BIAS MODULATION  
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Serial No.: 09/820,244  
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Our File No.: 119941-1089

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pp.);
2. Supplemental Form PTO 1449 with one (1) reference; and
3. Return postcard.

Please file the above-referenced documents and return the date-stamped postcard to our office at the above address. It is believed that no additional fees are due. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

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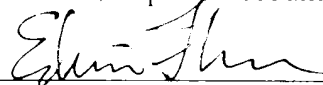
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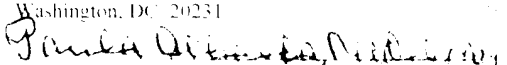
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